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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### AUSTRALIA.

*Report from Melbourne—Plague bulletins from Brisbane and Sydney—  
Case of plague at Townsville.*

Consul-General Bray forwards the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,  
*Sydney, November 15, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 37, for the week ended at 1 p. m., Saturday,  
November 12, 1904.

#### PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,267	889	2,106
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week....	363	344	707
Number of rodents found infected.....	0	0	0

Date of finding of last plague rodent, November 4, 1904.

*Plague in man.*—None.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *November 21, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 38, for the week ended at 1 p. m., Saturday,  
November 19, 1904.

#### PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,069	654	1,723
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week....	340	318	658
Number of rodents found infected.....	0	0	0

*Plague in man.*—None.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *November 28, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 39, for the week ended at 1 p. m., Saturday,  
November 26, 1904.

#### PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	2,013	753	2,766
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week....	428	394	822
Number of rodents found infected.....	0	0	0

Date of finding of last plague rodent, April 11, 1904.

*Plague in man.*—None.

No bulletins will be issued from this date unless discovery of further infected rodents renders it necessary.

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

*Plague at Townsville.*

VICTORIA, *December 17, 1904.*

CONSUL-GENERAL FOR UNITED STATES,

*Melbourne:*

I regret to inform you that a case of plague was discovered at Townsville on the 9th instant. No infected rats found there since 25th of July last.

G. H. REID.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

*Report from Fiume—Inspection of emigrants.*

Acting Consular Agent La Guardia reports, January 13, as follows:

Steamship *Slavonia* sailed January 12 for New York; embarked 1,595 steerage passengers, rejected 11; 1,700 pieces small and 30 pieces large baggage inspected and passed, 10 pieces disinfected (used feathers and bedding).

BRAZIL.

*Reports from Bahia—End of plague—Mortuary reports.*

Consul Furniss and vice-Consul Rowe report as follows:

During the month of December to date there have occurred 3 cases of plague, of which 2 died, the remaining 1 still being under treatment in the hospital.

The last case of plague occurred on the 7th instant, and there being no suspected cases on the 17th, the following day the state board of health declared officially that Bahia is free from plague.

There are still about 10 patients convalescing from plague in the hospital.

Unless there should be further outbreak plague reports will be discontinued from this date.

From the official statistics for the month of September, 1904, just published, the following information has been compiled:

Maximum temperature, 29° C.; minimum, 22.5° C.; average, 26.7° C. Relative average humidity, 85.34; rainy days, 10.

Births, alive, 226, of which 127 were legitimate and 99 illegitimate. There were in addition 33 stillborn and 42 marriages.

The total deaths were 462 from the following causes: Beriberi, 28; cancer and other malignant tumors, 7; debility, congenital, 7; debility, senile, 19; diseases of circulatory system, 57; diseases of digestive system, 65; diseases of nervous system, 63; diseases of respiratory system, 26; diseases of urinary organs, 9; dysentery, 3; malarial fevers, 17; plague, 22; septicæmia, puerperal, 2; septicæmia, other, 2; smallpox, 5; syphilis, 4; tuberculosis, pulmonary, 47; tuberculosis, other, 2; violent deaths, not suicide, 9; suicides, 1; stillborn 33; other causes, 34.